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ONWARD TO THE 1990'S

Dear Servants of Christ and His Church:

By now we have heard many summaries of the 80's and a number of predictions for the 90's. The 80's for us in the ELCA and in the larger church have certainly been history-making. The past several years have been filled with the challenge of becoming a new church--not just a new church, but a church that is determined to be inclusively evangelical, a church determined to meet the challenge of ministering to a pluralistic society by declaring and living the Gospel in its midst.

1990 is a year of challenge for us. We have completed our restructuring, and have begun to function as the Northwest Washington Synod. Until now we have sought to encompass all the ministries of our predecessor churches. It is now time to take a fresh look at our ministry as a synod.

Shortly before Christmas, each congregational president received a survey form asking for input for the future ministry of our synod. At the March 2-3 retreat, the Synod Council will set priorities for future ministry in our synod. Your input into this process is important. Please return the survey form by the end of January. This will give us time to bring the information together for the Synod Council.

The goals, priorities, and challenges set by the Synod Council will be reported to you and to the synod for discussion and implementation. As a synod of a new church, we are now ready to meet the challenge of mission and ministry into the 90's. Your participation in the challenges ahead to evangelically engage our world is essential. 1990 will be a critically important year for us all as we accept our responsibilities to be the Lutheran Church in Northwest Washington.

BISHOP LOWELL E. KNUTSON

IN THE NEWS

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF MAKES T.V. DEBUT

Lutheran World Relief has begun marketing two public service announcements (PSA's) for nationwide viewing. The two PSA's stress the fact that human development is not a "quick fix" that happens overnight, but is a process that calls for patience and fortitude. Norman Barth, LWR's executive director, commented that "We want the public to know that through agencies like LWR, it is possible to provide the necessary knowledge and resources to help people overcome their poverty, restore their dignity, and lead a more abundant life."

Each PSA ends with the words, "A message from the Lutheran churches in your community and Lutheran World Relief."

BISHOP WOLD JOINS EL SALVADOR DELEGATION

Bishop David Wold of the Southwestern Washington Synod was part of an ecumenical delegation which accompanied Bishop Medardo Gomez, bishop of the Lutheran Church of El Salvador, to return to El Salvador from exile in Guatemala. Gomez entered San Salvador on January 6 to hold an Epiphany service at Resurrection Lutheran Church, where he is the pastor. Other ELCA delegation members were Vice President Christine Grumm, Bishop Peter Rogness of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, and Bishop Wayne Weissenbuehler of the Rocky Mountain Synod. (cont. next page)

EL SALVADOR DELEGATION (cont.)

In addition to ensuring the safe return of Bishop Gomez, the delegation felt that, as a direct result of a news conference, seven Episcopal workers were released. Gomez has accused "the armed forces of El Salvador" of several acts of oppression against the Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist and Mennonite churches, as well as the Ecumenical Coordination of Churches there. Lutheran church workers have been arrested, searched, threatened and deported.

PLU PRESIDENT HONORED BY KING OF NORWAY

Dr. William O. Rieke, President of Pacific Lutheran University, has been appointed Knight First Class of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit by His Majesty, King Olav V of Norway. The Order is conferred upon foreign citizens in recognition of particularly meritorious services rendered in the furtherance of Norwegian interests. Formal presentation of the honor is anticipated during PLU's centennial festivities in the fall of 1990.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUTHERAN ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

A Lutheran Engaged Encounter weekend is a helpful marriage preparation experience. An Encounter is scheduled at LBI the weekend of February 16. Please refer to the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

TIME AND STATION CHANGE FOR LUTHERAN VESPERS RADIO BROADCAST

Lutheran Vespers will now be broadcast each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. over station KTAC - 850 AM beginning January 7. Congregations are encouraged to publicize the Lutheran Vespers broadcast by using the Sermon Excerpts mailed monthly to congregations upon request. Lutheran Vespers is located at the Churchwide offices, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631.

Lutheran Vespers

From Alyce Bakker, Accountant
Financial Services Office of Region I
766-B John Street, Seattle, WA 98109
Phone: 206/624-0093

FOR ALL CHURCH TREASURERS!

Please note:
- Synod fiscal year ends January 31, 1990.
- Because of a new directive from Churchwide, the synod books can only be kept open through January 26, 1990 for 1989 receipts.
- Any monies received prior to January 27, 1990 will be assumed to be for fiscal year 1989 unless clearly indicated that it is actually for fiscal year 1990.
- If both fiscal year 1989 and fiscal yuear 1990, monies are sent in at the same time, it is important to use separate checks and separate remittance slips.
- All congregational treasurers should have received a supply of remittance slips during November. If not, please contact the Regional Center for Mission Office in Seattle and request a supply.
- If any outgoing treasurer receives this mailing, please pass this information on at once to the new treasurer.
- Any questions regarding the Synod's year-end closing can be directed to Alyce Bakker as listed above.

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LUTHERAN LAY MINISTERS (APLLM)

Congregations are encouraged to budget for their church staff workers to attend the annual retreat of the NW Region of the Association of Professional Lutheran Lay Ministers (APLLM) at Canon Beach, OR, on May 14-17. Total cost will be $150 per person.

BELLINGHAM CHURCHES CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

The weekend of February 23-25 will be packed with exciting events surrounding the centennial celebrations of Central, Our Saviour's and St. John's churches in Bellingham. All pastors and members of the synod are invited to these events.

Feb. 23--At Central Lutheran, ELCA Bishop Herbert Chilstrom will speak at 7:30 pm on the state of the ELCA and its future.

Feb. 24--At 9:30 a.m., Bishop Chilstrom will lead a Lenten Bible study. At noon a luncheon will be provided, and at 1:30 p.m. Bishop Chlstrom will speak on the topic of MISSION 90. A catered banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. with a talk by

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BELLINGHAM CENTENNIAL (cont.)

Chilstrom. All of these events will be held at Central.

Feb. 25--A joint worship sponsored by the Whatcom Cluster will be held at 11 a.m. Location still to be determined (call 734-7633 for info). This will include a mass choir accompanied by brass and strings and celebration of the Eucharist, with Bishop Knutson presiding and Bishop Chilstrom preaching.

A REQUEST FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for the 1990 Northwest Washington Synod Assembly has begun working and needs your help. Please give them names of people who may be able to serve our synod in various elected capacities. Many positions are open. They need as many names as possible to have a wide representation from the synod. All that is needed are names and addresses. The committee will make the contacts with the nominees to determine their commitment to serve.

Positions to be filled include the following: Vice President (lay); 12 Synod Council members (4 clergy, 1 youth, and 7 lay); 2 Regional Council members (clergy and lay female); 10 delegates for the 1991 Churchwide Assembly (3 clergy, 1 AIM, 6 lay); and 9 PLU Corporation delegates (4 clergy, 5 lay). Minority candidates are needed for some positions.

Please use the blue form enclosed in this newsletter and self-addressed to the Committee Chair to provide names. Or, call or write any committee member, or send to the Synod Office, to the attention of the Nominating Committee:

Pr. Kathy Hawks, St. Stephen's, Seattle
Pr. Gary Grafwallner, Christ the Servant, Bellingham
Katie Adelman, Cross of Christ, Bellevue
Sally Wing, Grace, Bellevue
James Dovinh, Vietnamese, Seattle
Ken Helling, Queen Anne, Seattle
Chair: Janet Labes, Grace, Des Moines
18921-34th Ave. South
Seattle, WA 98188
242-0972

Thank you for your help in obtaining these nominees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SYNOD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CONGREGATIONAL DELEGATION TO 1990 SYNOD ASSEMBLY: The lay membership of this year's synod assembly has been determined to be 325 persons. Those lay members are allocated as follows:

Every congregation has 2 lay delegates (one male, one female).

Congregations with baptized memberships (as of 12/31/89) between 350-800 are allocated one additional lay delegate.

Congregations with baptized memberships (as of 12/31/89) over 800 are allocated two additional lay delegates (one male, one female).

If there are any questions as to your congregation's delegation, please contact the synod office.

REVISED SYNOD CONSTITUTION: The ELCA has approved our synod constitution. A printed copy is available, upon request, from the synod office. You may also obtain a copy on disk, by furnishing a blank disk to the synod office.

CONGREGATIONAL CONSTITUTIONS: Action at the 1989 Churchwide Assembly resulted in some changes in the "Model Constitution for Congregations". Augsburg Fortress will soon have copies of the revised model constitution for sale.

If you are waiting word on the synod review process of your congregation's constitution, please be patient! Churchwide has just revised the guidelines for review, and such review is a time-consuming process. Thanks for your understanding.

NOMINATIONS: Our synod constitution stipulates that the Synod Council nominates for the position of Synod Secretary. Please submit your suggestions for nominees for Synod Secretary to the Synod Office by March 1.

"OLD SONGS FOR A NEW JOURNEY"

Lowell Almen, Secretary of the ELCA, has recently written and published "Old Songs for a New Journey" as the Lenten meditations booklet for 1990. It can be ordered from Augsburg Fortress (order code 23-1790) for 75 cents each or $7.50/dozen. It is also available in large-print format.

FOLLOW-UP ON CHURCH SUPPLIES SCAM

Not long ago an article appeared in "Soundings" about a church supplies scam. We now have learned that the Illinois Attorney General is suing International Unlimited Supplies/Aero-Tech International, and needs witnesses. Unfortunately, they do not have funds to pay transportation expenses for out-of-state witnesses. If any person who had contact with International/Aero-Tech will be in the Chicago area during January, February or March of 1990, please contact J.B. Rees, Asst. Attorney General, 100 W. Randolph St., 12th Fl., (312) 814-3837.

AMERICAN SUMMER INSTITUTES

The synod office has information on ASI, now in its 15th year, an agency that promotes continuing education in an international setting. Upcoming excursions include study in St. Andrews, Scotland; Rome, Italy; Leysin, Switzerland; and Uppsala, Sweden. For registration information, call the synod office, 783-9292.

NUMBERS FOR ANNUAL REPORT COVERS

The following figures appeared in the last "Soundings", but many people missed them, so they are re-printed below with a correction. On the page titled "Signs of God's Gracious Love in our ELCA Synod", fill in "50% of every benevolence dollar given to and through our synod...ministries" followed by an asterisk which reads: "*After deducting the church-prescribed amounts for support of colleges, seminaries, campus ministries, and LCA pension plan." Then fill in the following blanks:

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SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT OF PARISH MINISTRY:	$135,888	(20%)
SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT OF MINISTRY LEADERSHIP:	$125,995	(19%)
SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT OF MINISTRIES WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH, WOMEN & MEN	$ 4,250	(1%)
WITNESS THROUGH SERVICE	$233,641	(35%)
COOPERATIVE MINISTRY	$129,554	(19%)
INTERPRETATION OF MISSION	$ 15,487	(2%)
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT	$ 24,673	(4%)
TOTAL SYNODICAL PROGRAM	$669,488	(100%)

On the paged titled "Signs of God's Gracious Love in our ELCA Churchwide Expression," fill in 50%.

HOLDEN VILLAGE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LIST OF VOLUNTEER AGENCIES IN U.S.

The synod office has a comprehensive list of addresses for volunteer agencies in the U.S. offering short- and long-term opportunities here and abroad. From the Peace Corps to the Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Jesuits to Mennonites, you will find endless opportunities for service. Call for a copy.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES BOYCOTT OF CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE WINES

The WAC has been engaged in an extremely careful and thorough process of responding to a request by the United Farmworkers of Washington State to join in the boycott of wines from Chateau Ste. Michelle. The enclosed document dated December 2, 1989,

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WAC BOYCOTT (cont.)
is the final action taken by the WAC Board of Directors concerning the recommendations to endorse the boycott. The primary issue is the right of farmworkers to organize in the interests of their self-determination. The Northwest Washington Synod supports the action of the Washington Association of Churches.

WANT ADS

DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE (CHAPLAIN)

A full-time position is available in a skilled nursing facility known for excellent care and loving spirit. Candidates must be ordained ELCA clergy; have training in long-term care and/or geriatrics, or two years of chaplaincy experience; plus three years of parish ministry. Creative ability to innovatively plan and lead worship services, excellent counseling skills, and the ability to promote relationships with congregations and the community are required.

Send letter of application and resume only to Pastoral Care Search, Columbia Lutheran Home, 4700 Phinney Ave. No., Seattle, WA 98103; 632-7400.

PARISH SECRETARY

St. John, Seattle, has an opening for a parish secretary, 20 hours/week with the possibility of increased hours at a later time. Salary dependent upon experience. Send resume to St. John Lutheran Church, 5515 Phinney Ave. No., Seattle, WA 98103, or call 784-1040.

ELCA DIRECTOR OF INTERPRETATION

The ELCA Commission for Communication announces an opening for Director for Interpretation. Application deadline January 22. Start date as soon as available. Contact the synod office for a position description.

MUSIC POSITIONS OPEN

Kent Lutheran in Kent is seeking to fill separate positions of Organist/Accompanist, Choral Director, and Music Coordinator. Contact Dick Armstrong at the church by Jan. 26; Kent Lutheran Church, 336-2nd Ave. So., 98032; 852-2057.

FREE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

St. James, Seattle, has an optical scanner and mimeograph available; call 767-5940. St. Andrew's, Bellevue, has a mimeograph, electronic scanner, and addressograph machine; call 746-2529.

MUSIC POSITION SOUGHT

Brenda Ludwig is looking for a job next fall as a church music director in the greater Seattle area. Call the synod office for information regarding Brenda's qualifications.

LUTHERAN CAMPING POSITIONS OPEN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Synod Office has information on several positions open at Lutheran camps in Southern California. Call for information, 783-9292.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION ASSEMBLY

The eighth assembly of the Lutheran World Federation will be held in Curitiba, Brazil, January 30-February 8. This event will bring together representatives of 105 member churches around the theme, "I Have Heard the Cry of My People."

Study books are available for those who wish to explore further the theme of the assembly. It is hoped the study book will provide stimulation for many who share in the concerns and commitments of the LWF and the communion of churches it serves. The books are available for $2.50 each from the ELCA Distribution Center.

Paul and Ruth Bartling and Carl and Thilda Mau will be attending the assembly, and we ask that you remember them in your prayers as they travel.

ALTERNATIVE ARTS AUCTION

The third annual Rasmus Jensen Alternative Arts Auction will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at University

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ARTS AUCTION (cont.)

Lutheran Church, NE 50th and 16th NE, Seattle. In honor of the fine Lutheran artists in the area, and in respect for our justice-oriented, socially-conscious lifestyles, the items auctioned will include arts, fine crafts, and services or products that promote the health of all of creation. All proceeds will benefit the Lutheran Peace Fellowship and the Social Ministry Program of Lutheran Social Services (LSMCC). $10 admission.

LOMA ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Association (LOMA) Corporation will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4, at the LOMA Center for Renewal, Issaquah. Owner congregations are to select two representatives to attend the meeting. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Information about the meeting is being mailed to council presidents of owner congregations.

SKAGIT CLUSTER YOUTH EVENT

An event for all Skagit cluster youth will be hosted by Salem Lutheran in Mt Vernon. First, come to a worship service conducted by the synod youth officers at 9 a.m. at Salem, Mt. Vernon, or at 11 a.m. at Edison, Bow. Then, go out to lunch with your youth group and return to Salem for the cluster gathering. Bring canned food or non-perishable items to donate locally. Questions? Call Chris Beckner, 424-5226, or Ame Wigstrom, 428-3844. Call and let them know if you can come!

INTERFAITH AIDS GATHERING

The Multifaith AIDS Project of Seattle and the synagogues and churches of Capitol Hill invite you to an INTERFAITH GATHERING OF COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY AIDS on Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. at Broadway Performance Hall. A major musical work has been commissioned for soprano, tenor and piano by Bern Herbolsheimer (faculty, UW School of Music). This work will draw on texts from Native American spirituality.

Free will offering to provide direct services to persons with AIDS through the Multifaith AIDS Project of Seattle.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN MINISTRY

A conference for high school students, "What Will I Do with My Life?", will be held on Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. If you, or a high school student you know, might be interested, please talk with Harvey Neufeld at PLU, 535-7423.

GLOBAL MISSION FESTIVAL AT GETHSEMANE

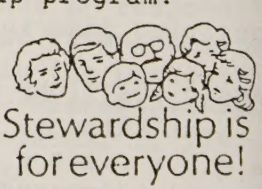
A Global Mission Festival will be held at Gethsemane, Seattle, on Feb. 24-25.

The events on Feb. 24 will focus on women with the theme, "Global Women in Development: To Live in Hope", from 9:30 a.m. to noon. A complimentary mid-morning continental breakfast will be served. There will be a cross-cultural worship service, and an offering to support the ministry of women. The presenter will be Dr. Lois Leffler, who has extensive background working with women in many countries and global settings. She has served on the Lutheran World Federation Advisory Committee for Women, and is currently a member of the Executive Committee of LWF. All women of the synod are invited to this event and are requested to RSVP by Feb. 21 to 682-3620.

On Feb. 25, all members of the synod are invited to hear Dr. Leffler speak at the 8:45 and 11:00 worship services at Gethsemane. She will be the presenter at the 10:00 adult forum, speaking about the upcoming LWF assembly in Brazil. Following the 11:00 worship, the Global Mission Festival will focus on the role of the church in South America. A luncheon will be served, followed by cultural activities and further questions and time with Dr. Leffler. Please call to reserve a space for the luncheon.

TWO SYNOD STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS

What's the 1990 stewardship packet going to be like? What will be the stewardship theme for 1990? How can we analyze our congregation's stewardship program?

These and other topics will be addressed at a

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